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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract.

ACTS - Arms Act - Arms and ammunition - Restrictions on possessions and sale- Instructions - Issued.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

G.O.NO.MS. 4735, Dated the 23rd December, 1947.

O R D E R:-

In view of the Present tension in the country, the Government consider it necessary to impose restrictions on the purchase of arms, ammunition and military stores by dealers in this Province. Accordingly they direct that all licensed dealers in the Province should be required to place orders for the supply of arms, ammunition or military stores in triplicate, through the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police, Madras, as the case may be, who after satisfying himself that the quantity indented is in accordance with the reasonable requirements of the trade, countersign and affix his office seal on all the three copies, keep one copy for record in his office, forward the second copy to the District Superintendent of Police for verification of the monthly return of stock and sales, and return the third copy to the dealer for transmission to the supplying frim. The dealers should also be required to inform the licensing authority and the District Superintendent of Police, on receiving advice from the supplying firm, when they expect to receive supply, through what channal, and in what quantity? It should be impressed on all dealers that these instructions shouldbe followed forthwith and failure to comply with them will lead to cancellation of their licences.

2. The Government also consider it nedessary that licenses for the possession of arms and ammunition granted in other provinces and made valid for this Province shall have effect in this province only when such a licence, together with the fire-arms, have been produced for countersignature before the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police, as the case may be. The apended notification, which gives effect to this decision, will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

O. Pulla Reddi,
Secretary to Government.

To
All District Magistrates.
The Commissioner of Police, Madras-8.
The Inspector-General of Police, Madras-4.
The Board of Revenue, Madras-2.
The Superintendent, Government Press for publication of the notification inthe Fort St. George Gazette.
Copy to the Director of Information and Publicity.
Copy to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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APPENDIX.

N o t i f i c a t i o n.

In exercise of the powers conferred by rule 33(3) of the Indian Arms Rules, 1924, read with the Government of India, Home Department Notification No. 21/50/37, dated the 20th June, 1938, as amended by their Notification No. 21/32/43-Police, dated the 19th June 1943, His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby directs that -- p.t.o.

(1) a licence, for the possession of arms and ammunition granted in a Province other than the Province of Madras and made valid for the Province of Madras shall have effect in the Province of Madras only when such licence together with the fire-arms has been produced, within the period of a fortnight from the date of the importation into this Province of the arms and ammunition covered by the said licence, or where arms and ammunition covered by any such subsisting licence have been imported into this Province before the publication of this notification, within the period of a fortnight from the date of such publication, for countersignature before the Commissioner of Police, Madras or the District Magistrate of the distfict into whose jurisdiction the arms and ammunition specified in the licence have been imported;

(2) the said licence shall thereupon be valid within such area , for such period, to such extent, and subject to such conditions as may be preseribed in this behalf, by the Commissioner of Police, Madras or the District Magistrate Concerned; and

(3) if within the said period of a fortnight or such further period as may be extended by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, or the District Magistrate concerned, the licensee fails to produce the licence together with the fire-arms before the Commissioner of Police, Madras, or the District Magistrate for countersignature, the licence shall cease to be in force in the Province of Madras after the expify of such period.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Home Department.
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From

O. PULLA REDDI, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To

All Provincial Governments and Administrations in the Indian Union (with enclosure)

Dated, Fort St. George, the 23rd December, 1947.

Sir,

Act-Arms Act-Arms and ammunition-Restrictions on possession and sale.

I am directed to forward a copy of the proceedings of this Government No. 4735, dated 23rd December 1947 and to request that, if there is no objection, the provision thereof may be made known to all dealers in arms and ammunition and to all holders of British Indian licences in your Province.

Your obedient Servant,
Sd/-x x x x x x
for Secretary to Govt.

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Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

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